

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-11 (renumbered 1-10).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rolf Fasth on Sept. 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 22, "plate" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 1, line 26, after the phrase "defined therein" the following has been added -- , --.

In claim 1, line 29, before the phrase "the outer free end" the following has been added -- a portion of --.

In claim 1, line 31, before the phrase "the outer free end" the following has been added -- a portion of --.

In claim 1, line 33, "first tongue" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 1, line 33, "side slits" has been replaced with -- side-slits --.

In claim 1, lines 35-36, "the slit of the first tongue" has been replaced with the following -- the slit formed by a perforation --.

In claim 1, line 37, "second tongue" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 1, line 37, "slide slits" has been replaced with -- side-slits --.

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In claim 1, lines 39-40, "the slit of the second tongue" has been replaced with the following -- the slit formed by a perforation --.

In claim 1, line 41, "side slits of the first tongue" has been replaced with the following -- side-slits --.

In claim 1, line 42, "side slits of the second tongue" has been replaced with the following -- side-slits --.

In claim 3, line 2, after the phrase "the slit" the following has been entered -- formed by a perforation --.

Claim 4 has been canceled.

In claim 5, line 15, after "weakened segment" the following has been added -- , --.

In claim 5, line 17, "plate" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 5, line 18, "plate" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 5, line 20, after "defined therein" the following has been added -- , --.

In claim 5, line 23, before the phrase "the outer free end" the following has been added -- a portion of --.

In claim 5, line 25, before the phrase "the outer free end" the following has been added -- a portion of --.

In claim 5, line 27, "first tongue" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 5, line 27, "side slits" has been replaced with -- side-slits --.

In claim 5, line 30, "second tongue" has been replaced with -- attachment plate --.

In claim 5, line 30, "slide slits" has been replaced with -- side-slits --.

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In claim 5, line 33, "side slits of the first tongue" has been replaced with the following
-- side-slits --.

In claim 5, line 34, "side slits of the second tongue" has been replaced with the following
-- side-slits --.

In claim 11, line 5, after the phrase "at the slit" the following has been added -- formed
by a perforation --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Brian K. Green whose telephone number is (571) 272-6644. The
examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (571) 272-6651. The fax phone number for the
organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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